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REQUEST FOR CHANGE TO INTERIM STATUS OF RCRA UNIT 48 PONDCRETE TREATMENT FOR THE SOLAR EVAPORATION POND (SEP) SLUDGE CLEANOUT PROJECT - JMK-0705-92

Enclosed is a draft letter with two enclosures to the Colorado Department of Health (CDH) which requests a change to interim status. Specifically, this draft letter requests that CDH approve a change in the RCRA Unit 48 pondcrete treatment process to include the Solar Evaporation Pond (SEP) sludge cleanout project currently underway with Halliburton-NUS.

The sludge cleanout project was discussed during a March 17, 1992, meeting attended by representatives of the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE), EG&G Rocky Flats, Inc. and CDH including Dr. Dowsett. During this meeting Dr. Dowsett stated any SEP cleanout activity to be accomplished before the November 8, 1992, interim status expiration deadline should be submitted for CDH approval as a request for change to interim status. Also, subsequent discussions with Noreen Matsuura of CDH on May 20, 1992, indicated interim status could continue past November 8 should the cleanout start before (but be completed after) this date. Since the SEP cleanout is currently planned to start before November 8, 1992, the draft letter requests CDH approve a change to interim status for the duration of the SEP cleanout project described herein pursuant to 6 CCR 1007-3, Part 100.20.

This request for change to interim status is consistent with SEP sludge cleanout information provided in a DOE letter to CDH (J. K. Hartman letter to F. Dowsett and G. Baughman, 92-DOE 7009, Regulatory Approval for Solar Pond Cleanout Strategy, dated June 22, 1992).

If you have any questions regarding this issue, please contact Pam Edrich at extension 7752 c Bill Bruninga at extension 8281.

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